



The Town of Bowers

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MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm, September 8, 2016 by Vice-Mayor Patty Mabis.

Council members present were: Patty Mabis, Helena Hannah, Janis LaRochelle and Bob McDevitt.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Meeting commenced with a motion for nomination of Town Council Secretary Janis LaRochelle. seconded and unanimously passed.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the previous month's minutes as written.

Treasurers Report:

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the Treasurers report as read. The report was made available for anyone to review.

Jean Holloway - Manager at Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, (a project to help small communities under 10,000 residents) is a special guest at tonight's meeting. Jean gave a brief presentation about free services and lending as well as special services for communities, such as ours. USDA asked Jean to come to Bowers to see if she could be of assistance. Vice-Mayor Mabis suggested that she and Mayor Puzzo would like to meet to discuss how they can help the Town of Bowers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks & Recreation:

The grass and weeds on the edging of Williams Ave. Extension was sprayed with Roundup approximately one foot in to prevent encroaching on the road. Also, Roundup was deployed on most of the Bocce Ball Court to cut down on the weeds springing up there. The bus shelter area still has to be taken care of. Re-painting of the "Give Our Kids a Brake" had been put off due to the heat and humidity. Ron Hunsicker commented on Brian doing a great job at the community park. Bob brought up the bulletin boards (Kiosks) at the DNREC lot, entrance of the beach, and others that need the warping cork replaced. Brian will be fixing these.

Planning: Nothing to report

Streets: Nothing to report

Board of Adjustments: Nothing to report

Code Enforcement: Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS

Drainage Project Status:

Tabled until next month's meeting.

Property Appraisal - Katherine Reitmeier Property Update:

The appraisal is to be reviewed. This was tabled until next month's meeting.

Beach Replenishment:

Currently, no funding is available. A question was raised by a town resident regarding contacting Senator Bonini and/or DNREC for a meeting and follow-up to discuss getting a resolution on this. Bob would like to get-together with Mayor Puzzo to discuss an approach to move forward.

Maritime Museum Event Update:

Tabled until next month's meeting.

Historical Marker Update:

Janis needs to discuss with Mayor Puzzo. Senator Bonini has agreed to speak at the dedication and Eric Buckson will also be in attendance.

Phragmites:

Bob met with 3 different contractors and had 3 estimates. He will be meeting with the Forestry Service regarding the grant money. There will be a possibility of getting the residents in on being able to purchase (at a discount) spraying on their private property. Letters may be sent out.

Town of Bowers "Cleanup Day" Update:

The dumpster will be dropped off - Saturday, September 17th.
We will be announcing on the Firehouse marquee as well as the website.

Audit of the Town Financial Statements: Nothing to report.

Neighborhood Crime Watch Meeting Update:

We had 5 residents attend the meeting at the Kent County Levy Court building.
Meetings are every 4th Thursday of every month. It was reiterated by Patty that it is important to call if you see anything suspicious, take a picture and/or take a plate number down and report it.

NEW BUSINESS

A resident expressed concerns about emergency vehicle access at the end of N. Bayshore, based on a recent observation of a stuck emergency vehicle. A discussion ensued recommending making the end of N. Bayshore a cul-de-sac creating an outlet for vehicles to exit safely. Ron Hunsicker added that it is a decision that Council has to make. Vice-Mayor Mabis will take the lead on this and will report back at the next meeting. Herb offered to be a part of a committee addressing this or the drainage issue, as he has a degree in engineering and thinks he can be helpful. Bonnie also offered to assist.

The Town received a letter from a resident questioning responsibility for the dock at the end of Hubbard. Council is going to look into who has the responsibility for this and provide update at the next meeting.

A resident expressed concern about missing signs at the beach area that said "No Parking" and "Parking designated in Parking Lot". The resident noted that cars are parking along properties at the end of Main St. Bob will check on this.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:12p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janis LaRochelle – Secretary
Town of Bowers